

May

Magic Lantern Society
of the United States and Canada

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A Big Thank You
to the Few That Responded to Last
Months Request?



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for more information

LOOK for those Buttons and roll-over effects

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**Latest
Update**

Convention Refunds

Refunds to paid registrants of the June 2020 Convention were issued the first week of April. If you paid registration fees and have not received your refund please contact the treasurer, Ron Easterday, at rleasterday@comcast.net or 360-516-8973. We hope to join you all as soon as the Convention can be rescheduled.

MLS 2020-2022 Officer Election Nominations Extended

Yes, nominations for our 2020-2022 officers are being extended through May, but not for the reason so many other things are delayed or postponed – we just want to give you extra time to consider volunteering for our Society – you can even nominate yourself. Nominations are to be sent to past-president Ron Easterday at rleasterday@comcast.net or 360-516-8973.

We have received the following nominations:

President: Incumbent Brian Rogers, eligible to serve one more term as president.

Vice President: Incumbent Karl Link, no term limits

Secretary: Incumbent David Evans, no term limits.

Treasurer: None.

Treasurer Nominations

The Society is seeking nominations especially for the Treasurer position and yes, you can nominate yourself. The treasurer position is not overly burdensome but does require someone with an aptitude and willingness to be diligent with numbers on a consistent monthly basis.

Duties of the Treasurer Position – It's really not that hard.

The Society has two checking accounts and a PayPal account that need to be monitored and balanced monthly with a copy of the bank statement emailed to the officers. Most months of the year there are only a couple deposits and a couple of expense checks to write. The first three months of the year are busiest with member

dues renewal payments to deposit and track. Convention years take more attention with registration deposits and multiple expenses. It is most efficient if the Treasurer can attend conventions in person to take care of financial obligations, particularly the auction, but alternate arrangements can be made for that if needed.

Anyone diligent in balancing their own checkbook can provide this needed service to the Society. With a smart phone and on-line banking, I perform 99% of the work at home without physically going to a bank. We expect some standard financial software to be used to track income and expenses by categories and produce an annual report each January. I have been using an ancient version of Microsoft Money and it does everything I need it to do. There are many financial software options available without great expense.

I will of course offer as much transition time and mentoring as needed to the member willing to take on this important task for the Society.

Please let us know if you have a bit of time and diligence to take on this task.

Ron Easterday, Treasurer

MEMBER

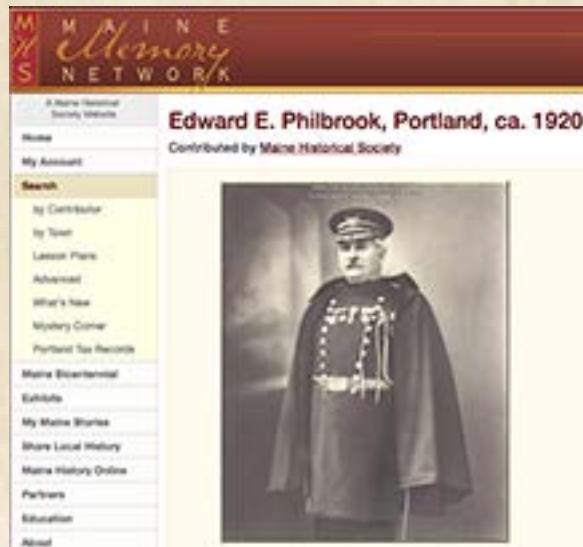
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Information About Edward E Philbrook

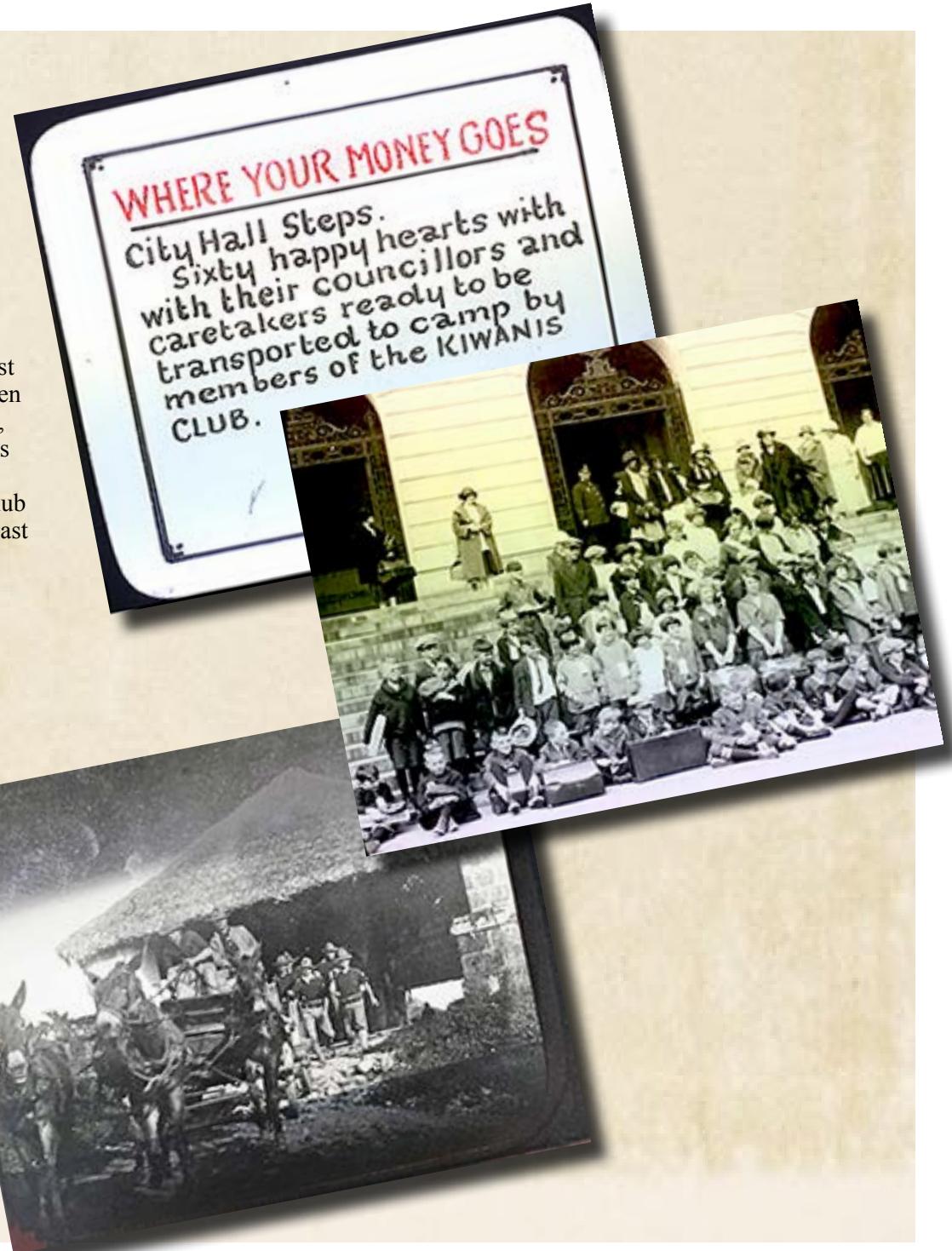
From Tom Rall
marketflea@aol.com

I am a member of The Magic Lantern Society and a specialist in photographic lantern slides. I recently acquired a few dozen that contain both the label of Edward E. Philbrook, Portland, Maine; and also includes this exact portrait. The labeled ones seem to be of a trip he might have taken to Asia early in the century and also a group promoting the Portland Kiwanis Club Send Children to Camp program. I suspect that he gave at least a few shows in the Portland area and would be interested if anyone has any further information.

See link below:
<https://www.mainememory.net/artifact/11513>



The screenshot shows the Maine Memory Network website. The header features the "MAINE MEMORY NETWORK" logo. On the left, there's a sidebar with links like "My Account", "Search" (with options for "By Contributor", "By Town", "Lesson Plans", "Advanced", "What's New", "Mystery Corner", and "Portland Tax Records"), and "Maine Bicentennial". The main content area displays a portrait of a man in a military-style uniform with a plumed hat, identified as "Edward E. Philbrook, Portland, ca. 1920". Below the image, it says "Contributed by Maine Historical Society".



MLS Youtube Links with reference to Magic Lanterns

From Dick Moore

rmoore0438@aol.com

HI David and Lesley and Michael,

I hope all is well and that you are staying safe and sound.

We are hunkered down, going nowhere other than a few walks around the house.

Here are a couple of utube links with reference to the magic lantern (You may already know about them) but they might be a brief insert in the next E bulletin.

Madame Tussaud - An Image in Wax. Nice sequence about how a lanternist impacted her career, Comments by Mervin Heard and Vanessa T.



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_ocG5ioKEXs&t=119s

"Charles Dickens and the Magic Lantern" with commentary from Mervin Heard..



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=omuDMHj0TZY>

Also there is an interesting write up on Phillipstahl, magician, self-styled physicist and founding father of the phantasmagoria show. Page 229 of the Encyclopaedia of the Magic Lantern.

Sara sends her best wishes

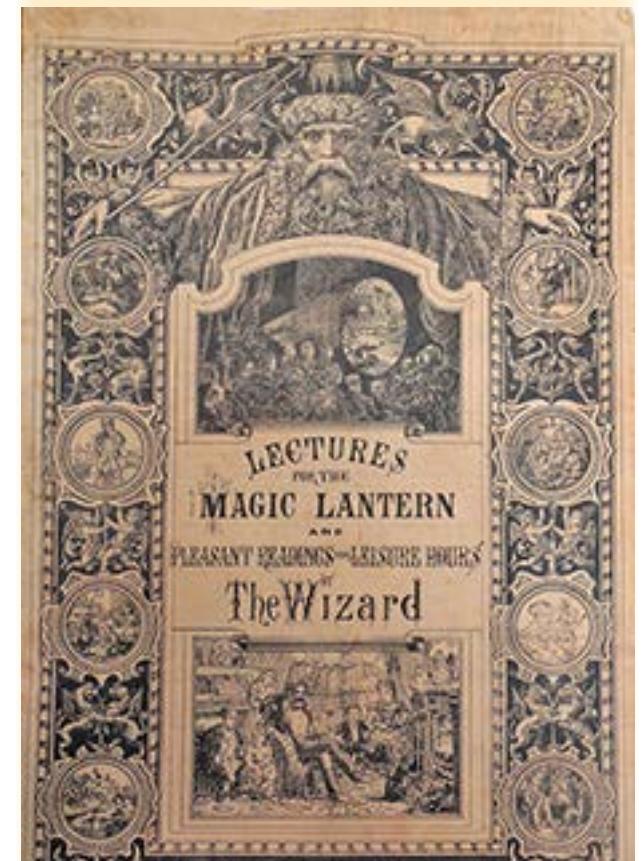
Keep safe.

Dick & Sara



**From Graphic Arts Collection
Special Collections Firestone
Library Princeton University**

<https://graphicarts.princeton.edu/>

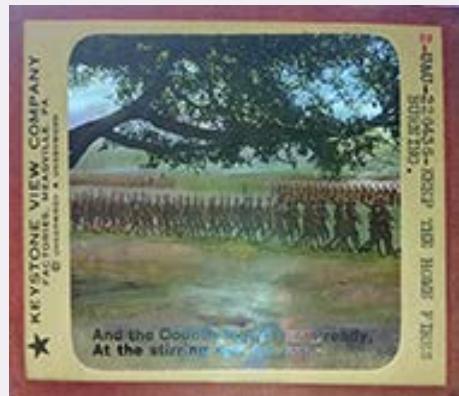


Lectures for the Magic Lantern and Pleasant Readings for Leisure Hours by The Wizard [cover title] (London: Millikin & Lawley, [1874?]). Graphic Arts Collection Q-000611

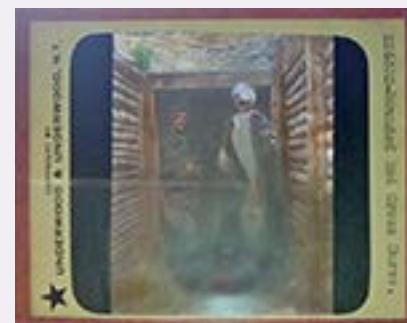
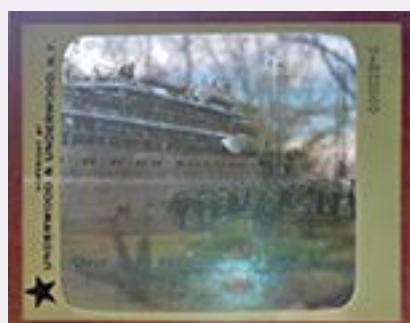
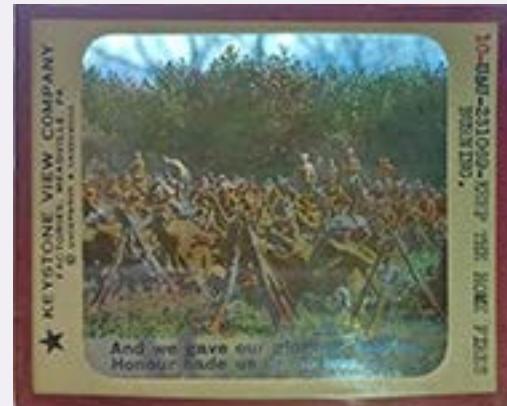
From DAVID HARRISON
whereisfluff@yahoo.co.uk

Hi I was hoping you may be able to help me identify some glass slides I've acquired, I've had no luck and I was hoping you kind folks would help me. Any help would be greatly appreciated

Many thanks
David



Help Identifying Some Glass Slides



From David Evans

Hi David

They probably date from around the turn of the (previous) Century - around 1890 -1910 or so. Both Underwood and Keystone produced huge numbers of slides for educational purposes. Keystone especially were noted for their school slide sets, consisting of 1000 or more slides, each with a small printed card describing the image. They anticipated putting a set in every school in USA and must have come fairly close to their aim, judging by the quantity of their slides still around. You can Google the firms and find out quite a lot about them and find many images from their photographers.

We will include some of your images in our next E-Publication (May) and it may be that a member can identify one of the scenes.

Thank you for contacting us.

David Evans

Magic Lantern Slides

From Laurie McGill

lwmcgill@tx.rr.com

Hello,

I wrote you several weeks ago asking if you could please help me find a set of Magic Lantern slides.

Then this crazy world took a turn and I never received a reply.

My question was this:

I am seeking a set of Raggedy Ann/John (or Johnny) Gruelle slides - roughly 51 in the set.

Date: first half of the 20th century.

Do you have a list of dealers in Magic Lantern Slides that you could share with me?

Or a reference book that you could suggest so that I could perhaps find them listed in it?

Thank you for any help. I hope you are staying well and safe.

Thank you, David. That would be very kind of you to list the Raggedy Ann/Johnny Gruelle magic lantern set in your May publication.

And, I shall contact Tom Rall on the outside chance he knows of it, as well.

Always something new to learn. A good thing.

Kind regards,

Laurie McGill

From David Evans

Hello Laurie

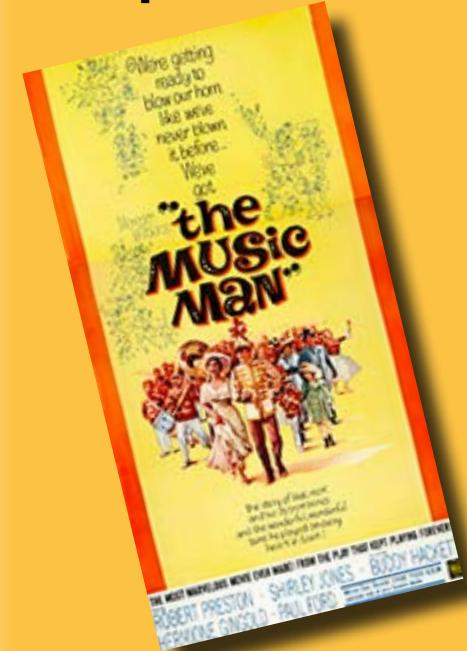
Sorry not to have responded - maybe your query disappeared in the spam. That is where I found this message from you!

I only know of one dealer in magic lantern slides - Tom Rall, email marketflea@aol.com - you could drop him an email. He has an amazing collection of photographic slides for sale, so worth a try. A good resource for research is <http://lucerna.exeter.ac.uk/>, which has details of many hundreds of slides and slide sets, so worth a look there.

We could add your request to our next E-Publication (May) in the hope that one of our members might know of the set,

Regards David Evans

Magic Lantern Sequence in Movie



From Lindsay Lambert

m.lindsaylambert@gmail.com

Dear David and Lesley,

I watched The Music Man on television yesterday, with Shirley Jones and Robert Preston. I saw a stage presentation of the musical years ago, but not the movie.

There is a magic lantern sequence! It's at the beginning of the first town hall meeting. I thought that you would like to know if you don't already. You could add this tidbit to the next Gazette or online publication.

Best wishes, Lindsay.



Information About Magic Lantern Slides

From Branded West

brandedwest@gmail.com

Good afternoon,

I hope this finds you well during this very unusual time.

This “lockdown” in California has given me the opportunity to clean up my treasures collected over time - one such treasure is a box of 30 magic lantern slides I found at a swap meet a number of years ago.

I was doing a little research, and found your site. My plan was to place these items on Ebay - do you think these are of any particular value? The religious subject matter makes me believe it was presented during bible study.

Would you know anything about these items?

Thank you very much,

Jon

From David Evans

Good Evening Jon

Thank you for your enquiry. You undoubtedly have at least a part set of the Life of Christ, which was produced by a number of slide makers on both sides of the Atlantic. Are all your slides marked with a maker - perhaps Stewart or McAllister perhaps? If they are all from one maker then it might be easier to determine how many slides were in the original set (by reference to the maker's catalogue, if we can get access to it) and whether or not you have them all. In the late 19th and early 20th Centuries lantern shows were popular in church halls, used by religious leaders to promote Christianity and their churches, so there were many slightly different versions of the story. Often they were of beautiful quality and finely coloured. You could certainly put them on eBay, but you might find that the wood box is actually worth more than the slides.

Do contact me again with any extra information and will try to offer some assistance.

Thank you for contacting us.

David Evans

From Branded West

Thank you for replying. Your information is very helpful, and I imagine I'm not going to be able to retire with this treasure!

I wrote down what I found on the slides (not all had descriptions). As follows:

M.S Stewart Company – Makers of Lantern Slides
Manufacturers of De Luxe & Septacrome Slides
No. 29 “Head of Christ” – Hofmann

M.S Stewart Company – Makers of Lantern Slides
Manufacturers of De Luxe & Septacrome Slides
Laboratories 460-13 th St. Oakland
No. 88 “Blessing Little Children” – Voegel

M.S Stewart Company – Makers of Lantern Slides
Manufacturers of De Luxe & Septacrome Slides
No. 98 “The Last Supper” – Von Gebhart

M.S Stewart Company – Makers of Lantern Slides
Manufacturers of De Luxe & Septacrome Slides
Laboratories 460-13 th St. Oakland
No. 124 “Touch Me Not” – Schonner

M.S Stewart Company – Makers of Lantern Slides
Manufacturers of De Luxe & Septacrome Slides
Laboratories 460-13 th St. Oakland
No. 134 “A Little Child Shall Lead Them”

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Information About Magic Lantern Slides continued

H. McAllister, Manufacturing Optician
49 Nassau Street, New York
Illustrating the story of the other wise man
Copyright 1895, by Harper & Brothers
5 "Artiban dismounts to assist a dying Jew"

H. McAllister, Manufacturing Optician
49 Nassau Street, New York
Illustrating the story of the other wise man
Copyright 1895, by Harper & Brothers
9 "Artiban sells his sapphire to buy camels"

H. McAllister, Manufacturing Optician
49 Nassau Street, New York
Illustrating the story of the other wise man
Copyright 1895, by Harper & Brothers
12 "Arrival of Mary and Joseph at Bethlehem"

H. McAllister, Manufacturing Optician
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Illustrating the story of the other wise man
Copyright 1895, by Harper & Brothers
13 "Adoration of Magi"

H. McAllister, Manufacturing Optician
49 Nassau Street, New York
Illustrating the story of the other wise man
Copyright 1895, by Harper & Brothers
17 Artiban in Egypt assisting the helpless"

H. McAllister, Manufacturing Optician
49 Nassau Street, New York
Illustrating the story of the other wise man
Copyright 1895, by Harper & Brothers
18 "Christ bearing the cross"

H. McAllister, Manufacturing Optician
49 Nassau Street, New York
Illustrating the story of the other wise man
Copyright 1895, by Harper & Brothers
22 "Earthquake after the Crucifixion"

Geo. Kanzee, Lantern Slides, 131 Post St., S.F., Cal.
6. The sun sermon dark (hard to decipher)

Geo. Kanzee, Lantern Slides, 131 Post St., S.F., Cal.
8. I saw the holy city

Color Slides

2. "Annunciation"
3. "At the sepulture"
6. "Childhood of Jesus" (cracked)
10. "Raising the Widow's Son"
11. "Blessing Little Children"
18. "Gethsemane"

No Manufacturer

1. "Come Unto Me"
3. "Birth of Jesus"
- 8 "Am a soldier"
9. "Healing the Sick"
12. "Blessing Jesus Daughter"
- 14 "Sin no more"
22. "The Resurrection"

Thank you,
Jon



To Members of the Society

We are broadening the scope of the Magic Lantern Gazette to include items such as Forthcoming Events, Members' Sales and Wants and a wider range of articles. COVID-19 notwithstanding, could you please let us know about any shows, meetings etc that you may have planned for the future

- let us know dates and a brief description as soon as possible

- and we will add them to the Gazette, which will make it easier for members to find.

The E-Pub does tend to be rather ephemeral in nature and members

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may not think of accessing it in a few months' time.

Similarly, if you have any Wants - slides, ephemera, equipment, readings - please let us know. There is no charge for this service for members.

We hope to have the new format Gazette ready for distribution by early June.

Please contact David Evans at secretary-treasurer@magiclanternsociety.com.

**Please
be a part
of the New
Gazette
Format**

Antique Delft Tile

From Marcel van Halderen
Marcel@vanhalderen.eu

Considering we strongly believe this is an antique 17th century Dutch Delft blue & white wall tile depicting a man carrying a magical lantern we thought you might like to see this.

Met vriendelijke groet, best regards,

M.P. van Halderen



Can you please confirm whether or not this tile is depicting a person carrying a magical lantern.

If you want to post this tile in the next E-publication I will send you better quality photos soon.

For your information as said before not sure on the image, but positive on time period (1660-1670) and origin: The Netherlands.

Met vriendelijke groet, best regards,

From David Evans

Dear Marcel

I looked at it and wasn't quite sure. I wonder if that image occurs anywhere else? I have checked the book Dutch Perspectives and found nothing like it. Maybe if we put it in the E-Pub someone might recognise it or have comments.

I think it is a magic lantern and he is holding a long panoramic slide of the same period
Regards

David

From Tom Sutter

With more than 2,000 slides it is hard to pick one favorite but this one is close. It is of the B.F. Carter coming through one of the locks here in Appleton which were constructed in the 1850s to work around the rapids or chutes in the Fox River. The photograph is also the subject of a post card that was popular around 1912. We have framed both a print from the slide and a post card and they are hanging at



the Appleton Historical Society Museum. I recently did my Norway slide show for the Learning in Retirement program at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh which was well received. I will be doing my Elmendorf's Trip Around the World in September. Great fun!

THOMAS H. SUTTER



Shared Favorite Slides



From Ron Easterday

Well, not my favorite or most inspiring slide, but I always liked this art deco logo for the A-M Metal Works and probably paid one dollar for it.

maybe this is more fun. Sorting all my children's slides while at home....

The sheet music reads "Ständchen von Schubert" or Schubert serenade



From Larry Cederblom

Slide from a sign painter from the Boston area.

In an ancestry search I found F Augsutus Curtis listed as a sign painter in a 1925 Boston city directory. I'm looking for any information you might have on F Augsutus Curtis.



I like this slide image enough to put it on a t-shirt, folder label and a large label.



From Jessica Wilson
rose4mejess@gmail.com

Hello,
I have what I believe are children's decalcomania slides. They were stored with paper separating each rectangular slide. When they were unwrapped the paper stuck to the one side of each of them. Can these be clean? If so, could you give me advice on how to do this? Or direct me to a site with instructions?

Thank you for your consideration,
Jessica Wilson

From David Evans

Hello Jessica

I assume these are glass strip slides with several images on them? They most probably are single thickness glass with the decal or transfer applied to one side, with no protective covering glass? That is how they generally are. It would be nice to think that the paper would be stuck to the smooth glass side, but I imagine it is more likely stuck to the image side. If the former, you can just moisten it and it should come off easily. If the latter, you will have to proceed with great caution. Try dampening the paper very slightly and see if it will start to lift off a little. It should be possible to use this

Cleaning Decalcomania or Chromolitho Slides

Dear Mr Evans,

Thank you for helping me with this! Yes, unfortunately the paper is stuck to the image side. I thought I might use a Q-tip and gently work on them. I will start with the one I love the least. Thank you again, Jessica

approach gently and with caution, but do not over moisten. If there is a slide that is damaged in some way, I would experiment with that and hope for success. I know of no easy method, but if one of our members knows of one, I am sure they will suggest it.

Thank you for contacting us.

Dear Jessica

That might do very well - I hadn't thought of that! Slightly dampened. Do let us know how you get on.

Regards, David

From John Gallaro
As Seen On



1932 World Series New York Yankees Chicago Cubs
Glass Slide Beautiful SCARCE WOW

▲ 1 viewed per hour

Price: US \$1,000,000.00

Buy It Now

Seller information
poolgoed19 (2649) 100% Positive feedback

Add to cart

Best Offer:

Item location: Thruville, PA

Price
Dropping
check
price here



Most expensive slide ever

https://www.ebay.com/i/233472619993?campaign-id=90001&run-date=20200331081000&templateId=c9bb7c1b-7d13-47db-a41b-43e64b1b36cc&templateVersion=272&co=11&placement-type=mfe.piyp&user-id=43187936981&instance=1585667400&site-id=0&trackingCode=32TE75001_T_AGM_CT1_ORM&placement-type-name=mfe.piyp&mfe-id=100690&fbclid=lwAR114Yac7YUgySBwwGOyuOQVpKnjPl6LipoUdx0gFEOaqUcgwbMCgIXt44c#

Description

Up for sale is an incredible rare glass slide from the early 1930's depicting the 1932 World Series featuring the New York Yankees and Chicago Cubs from historic Wrigley Field. This is the World Series Babe Ruth called his home run into the center field bleachers. This slide is in super nice shape for a slide this old. Old slides break so easily so for this to have survived is hard to come by. Shipping will be free worldwide.

A Big Thank You to the following:

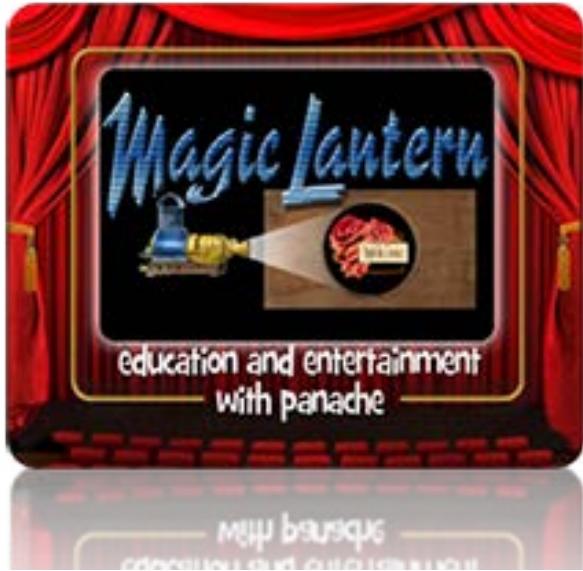
contributing to this months issue.

Ron Easterday
David Evans
John Gallaro
Marcel van Halderen
David Harrison
Tim Hughes
Lindsay Lambert
Laurie McGill
Dick Moore
Tom Rall
Tom Sutter
Branded West
Jessica Wilson

Now it's your turn to share!

Do you have a favorite site or a collection of images you would like to share with the rest of the society?

E-mail Larry



From Tim Hughes

havethebest@gmail.com

Hello Larry,

Attached are two images of the slide I am trying to identify as much as possible about the year, type of plane, volcano name/location.

Thanks for all your work.

Tim Hughes

havethebest@gmail.com

? *about the year
type of plane
volcano name/location*

Information Request

Wanted Information About this Slide

